

Researchers Develop A Sensor To Tell When You're Burning Fat

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As a cyclist, it's reached the time of year where training tends to be all about building your 'base'. The theory goes that you build up some endurance and promote your bodies ability to burn fat for energy rather than glycogen.

Of course, figuring out if you're actually doing that is easier said than done, but a team from ETH Zurich have developed a sensor that analyzes your breath and can tell you if you're in the 'fat burning zone'. The work, which was documented in a recently published [paper](#), provides a real-time monitor for lipolysis by analyzing our exhalations during exercise.

"When burning fat, the body produces by-products that find their way into the blood," the researchers explain. *"This would allow athletes and people who want to lose weight to check for themselves when their bodies begin to burn fat..."*

The fat burning zone

The key substance the team were looking for is called acetone. The sensor they've developed to detect it is believed to be one of the most sensitive ever built. It's capable of detecting a single acetone molecule in 100 million other molecules.

The system was put through its paces with a team of volunteers that were asked to complete a 90 minute session on a bicycle ergometer. Each volunteer was kitted out with a tube into which they were asked to blow, with the sensor monitoring their acetone levels.

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"We were able to show how the acetone concentration in the exhalations varies greatly from person to person," the authors say.

The analysis revealed that there was a high level of variance in each volunteer, with some beginning to burn fat much earlier in the session than others. The analysis also revealed that the breath based method was as effective and accurate as the blood analyses typically used today for monitoring lipolysis.

Smart sensing

The sensor itself uses a porous film made of semiconducting nanoparticles made of tungsten trioxide. Each particle is implanted with silicon atoms. It's a project that has been several years in development, with the team initially discovering that trioxide nanoparticles were able to interact with acetone if the atoms are arranged in the right way. This in turn reduces the electrical resistance on the chip, thus allowing measurement to take place.

The team originally planned to use the device to diagnose diabetes. It's well known that those with undiagnosed type 1 diabetes have high concentrations of acetone in their breath. The sensor is so effective however, that it can also be used to detect low levels of acetone as we exhale during exercise.

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Whilst measuring our fat burning capabilities is possible today, it is typically only possible in a lab environment with incredibly expensive equipment. The team have used these to calibrate their sensor, with positive initial comparisons. They hope that their device will allow for real-time measurements to be taken every day. There is already a prototype of the device, with the next step being to develop this further and hopefully bring it to market.

Den Fettabbau über die Atemluft messen

Forscher haben einen Sensor entwickelt, der anhand der Atemluft einer Person anzeigen, ob ihr Körper Fett verbrennt. Das Ziel ist ein Messgerät für den Alltagsgebrauch – für das Training oder während einer Diät.

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(sda) Wann der Körper damit beginnt, Fett zu verbrennen, lässt sich heute unter anderem mit einer Blutanalyse bestimmen. Wissenschaftler der ETH Zürich und des Universitätsspitals Zürich stellen nun in den «ETH-News» eine Methode vor, mit der sich der Fettabbau «ganz einfach und in Echtzeit in der Atemluft» nachweisen lässt.

Beim Fettabbau im Körper entstünden Nebenprodukte, die ins Blut gelangten, wird Andreas Güntner, Postdoc in der Gruppe von ETH-Professor Sotiris Pratsinis, im Artikel zitiert. Gerade die leichtflüchtigen Moleküle unter ihnen könnten in den Lungenbläschen in die Atemluft übertreten.

Güntner und seine Kollegen haben einen kleinen Gassensor entwickelt, welcher Azeton, das flüchtigste Molekül der Fettabbauprodukte, misst. Der Chip, der derzeit noch die Grösse eines Fünfrappenstücks aufweist, ist mit einem porösen Film aus halbleitenden Nanopartikeln beschichtet.

Nachweis im Fitnessraum

Vor sieben Jahren war vorgesehen, diesen Chip zur Diagnose von Diabetes einzusetzen. Mittlerweile konnten die Wissenschaftler nachweisen, dass das Messgerät derart empfindlich ist, dass es auch die sehr geringen Azeton-Konzentrationen im Atem von Sporttreibenden aufspürt. Laut «ETH-News» kann der Chip einzelne Azeton-Moleküle in hundert Millionen anderen Molekülen nachweisen.

Die Forscher schickten nun Probanden auf den Fahrradergometer: Diese pedalierten während eineinhalb Stunden und bliesen regelmässig in ein Röhrchen. «Wir konnten zeigen, dass sich der Azeton-Ausstoß in der Atemluft von Mensch zu Mensch stark unterscheidet», sagt Güntner.

Die frühere, mittlerweile überholte Lehrmeinung besagte, dass Sporttreibende erst nach einer bestimmten Trainingszeit und Herzfrequenz damit beginnen, Fett zu verbrennen. Bei den Zürcher Messungen setzte die Fettverbrennung bei einigen Probanden erst nach anderthalb Stunden, bei anderen schon viel früher ein.

Verfeinern und weiterentwickeln

Die Wissenschaftler wollen nun ihre Messtechnik weiter verfeinern: Mit einem deutlich kleineren Chip könnte ein handliches Gerät für den Alltagsgebrauch entstehen. «Damit können Sportler und Abnehmwillige individuell überprüfen, wann ihre Körper beginnen,

Fett zu verbrennen, um so ihr Training zu optimieren», sagt Güntner.

Getüftelt wird an ETH und Universitätsspital aber auch an weiteren Gassensoren, die andere Moleküle in der Atemluft registrieren. Interessant wären etwa Sensoren für Ammoniak, mit denen sich die Nierenfunktion überprüfen lassen, oder für Isopren, um den Cholesterinstoffwechsel zu untersuchen.

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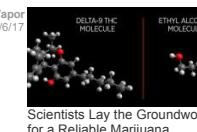
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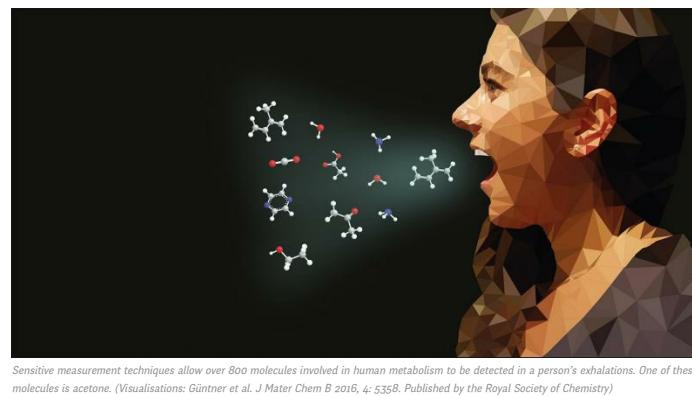
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Sensitive measurement techniques allow over 800 molecules involved in human metabolism to be detected in a person's exhalations. One of these molecules is acetone. (Visualisations: Günthner et al. J Mater Chem B 2016, 4: 5358. Published by the Royal Society of Chemistry)

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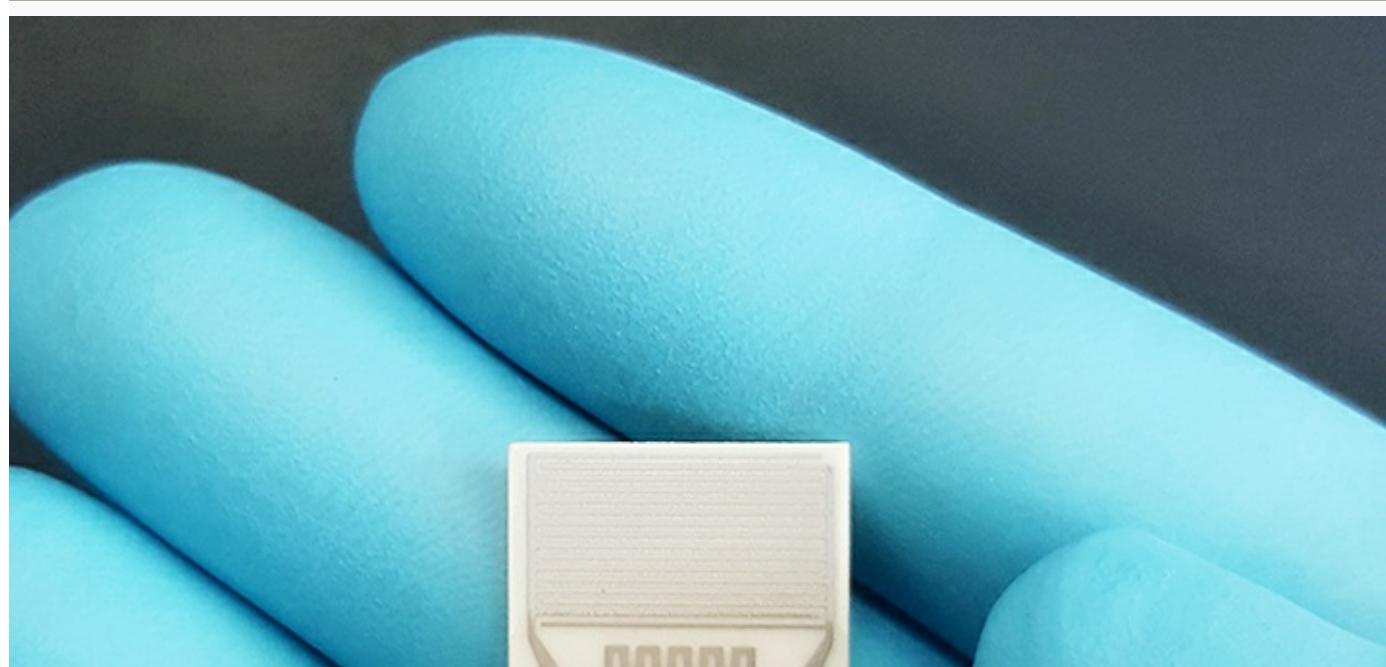
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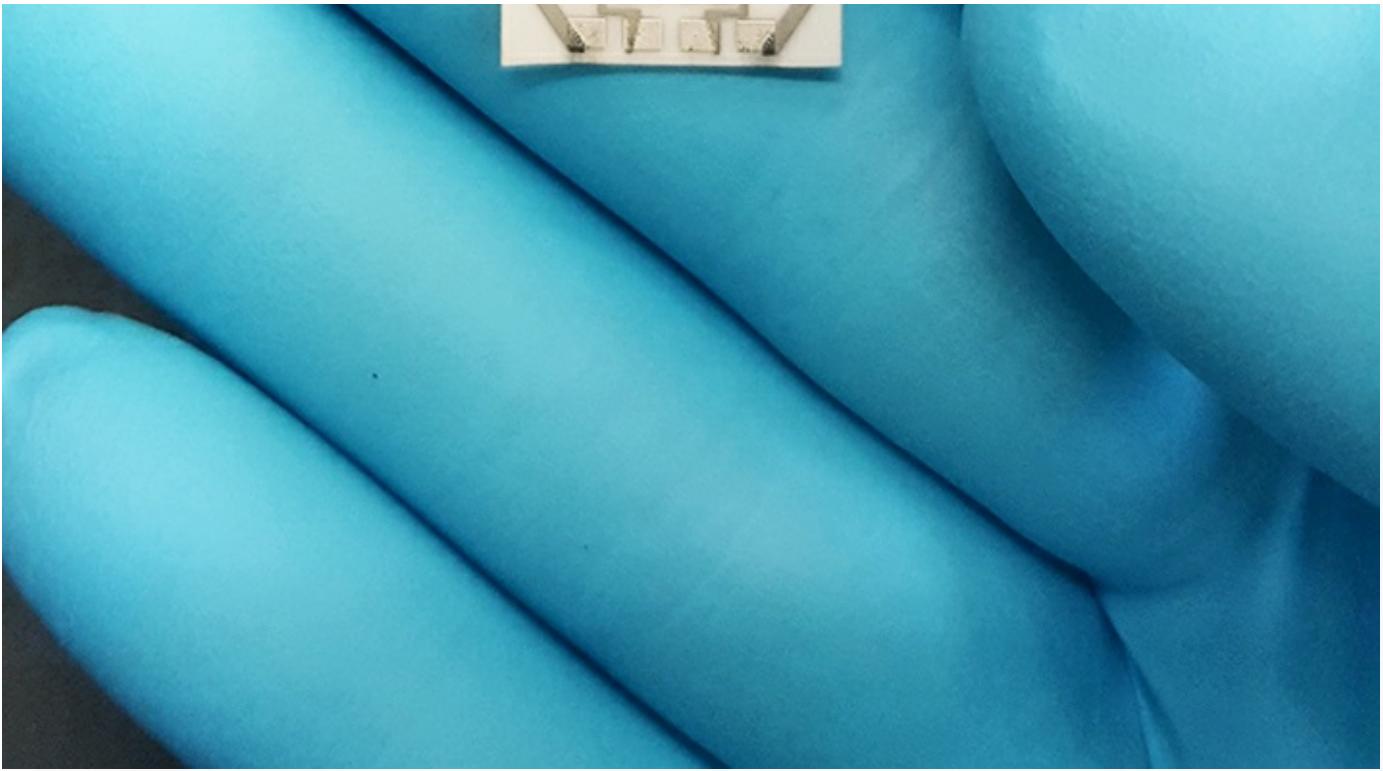
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A student demonstrates the experimental setup. (Credit: Simon Zogg/ETH Zurich)

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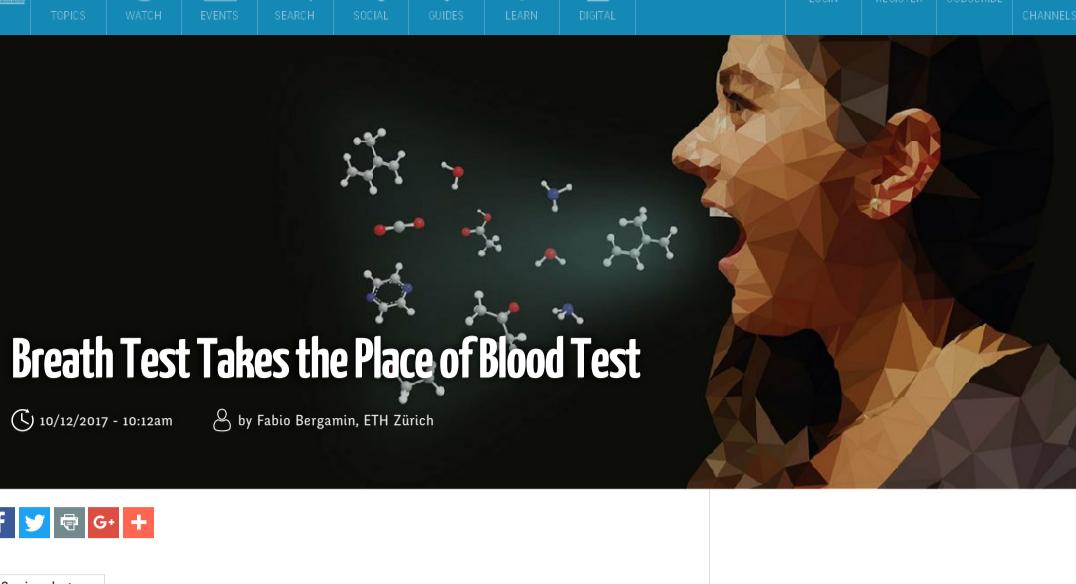
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The researchers report their work in the journal *Analytical Chemistry*.

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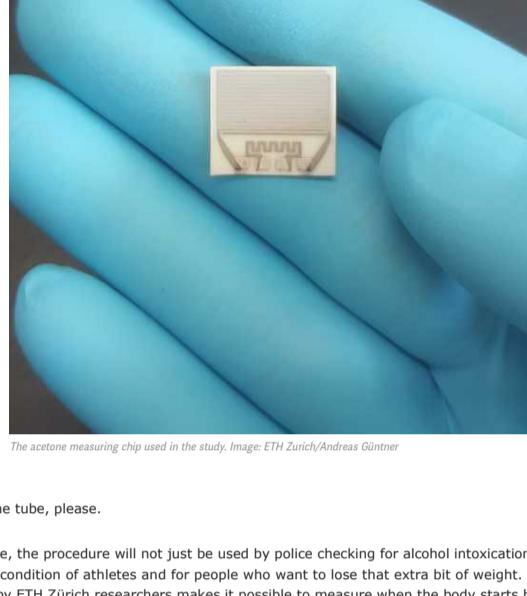
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Blow into the tube, please.

In the future, the procedure will not just be used by police checking for alcohol intoxication, but also for testing the condition of athletes and for people who want to lose that extra bit of weight. A sensor developed by ETH Zürich researchers makes it possible to measure when the body starts burning fat with a convenient breathalyzer.

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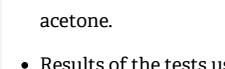


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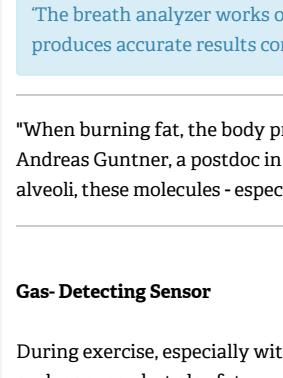


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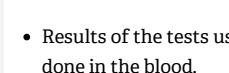
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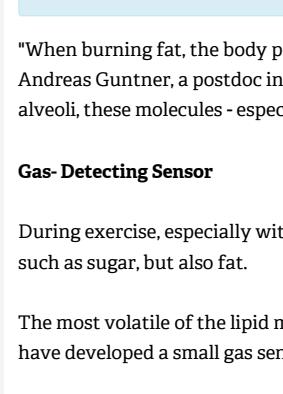


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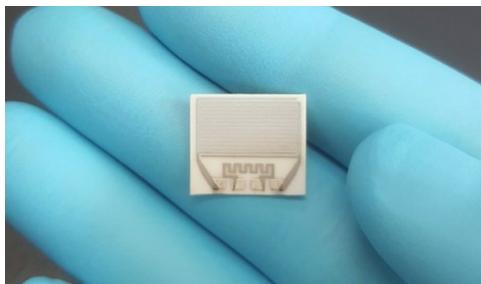
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TEHRAN (FNA)- Blow into the tube, please. In the future, the procedure will not just be used by police checking for alcohol intoxication, but also for testing the condition of athletes and for people who want to lose that extra bit of weight. A new sensor makes it possible to measure when the body starts burning fat with a convenient breathalyser.

"When burning fat, the body produces by-products that find their way into the blood," explains Andreas Günzner, a postdoc in the group of ETH Professor Sotiris Pratsinis. In the pulmonary alveoli, these molecules -- especially the volatile ones -- enter the air exhaled by the person. The most volatile of these lipid metabolites is acetone. Günzner and his colleagues have developed a small gas sensor that measures the presence of this substance. The sensor is much more sensitive than previous sensors: it can detect a single acetone molecule in hundred million molecules. It also measures acetone exclusively, so the more than 800 other known volatile components in exhalations do not affect the measurement.

Major individual differences

In collaboration with pulmonary specialists at the University Hospital Zurich led by Malcolm Kohler, Professor and Director of the Department of Pulmonology, the researchers tested the functioning of the sensor in volunteers while they exercised. The test subjects completed a one-and-a-half-hour session on a bicycle ergometer with two short breaks. Researchers asked the test subjects to blow into a tube that was connected to the acetone sensor at regular intervals.

"We were able to show how the acetone concentration in the exhalations varies greatly from person to person," says Günzner. Scientific opinion used to hold that athletes only begin burning fat after a certain period of physical exertion and on reaching a certain heart rate, but this view is now outdated. The measurements taken by the researchers in Zurich showed that lipolysis in some test subjects did, in fact, only start towards the end of the one-and-a-half-hour training session. In the other volunteers, the measurements showed that their bodies began burning fat much sooner.

Control measurements showed that the new measurement method correlated well with the concentration of the biomarker beta-hydroxybutyrate in the blood of the test subjects. This blood analysis is one of today's standard methods for monitoring lipolysis.

Interaction with nanoparticles

The sensor developed by the scientists uses a chip coated with a porous film of special semiconducting nanoparticles. The particles are tungsten trioxide that the researchers have implanted with single atoms of silicon.

Development of the chip began seven years ago when ETH Professor Pratsinis and his colleagues discovered that tungsten trioxide nanoparticles interact with acetone if the atoms of the nanoparticles are arranged in a certain crystalline structure. The interaction reduces the electrical resistance of the chip coated with the nanoparticles, and this phenomenon can then be measured.

Originally, the idea was to use the chip to diagnose diabetes, because the exhaled breath of patients with untreated type 1 diabetes contains high concentrations of acetone. Since then, however, the scientists have shown that the sensor is in fact sensitive enough to detect the very low acetone concentrations in a person's exhalations during exercise.

The chip used in this study is the size of a 1-cent euro coin, but the researchers are working to refine the measurement technology so that it will be possible with much smaller chips. The goal is to offer the chip in a manageable device. "This would allow athletes and people who want to lose weight to check for themselves when their bodies begin to burn fat so that they can optimise their training regimen," says Günzner.

Cheap, small and yet highly sensitive

Highly sensitive acetone measurements were already possible with other instruments, for instance mass spectrometers, which are large laboratory devices that cost several hundred thousand Swiss francs. The researchers are using these instruments in the current study to verify their measurements. Portable acetone breath tests also already exist, but they can only be used once and take several minutes before they show the results. "Our technology has the major benefit of being inexpensive, manageable and yet highly sensitive -- plus it can take measurements in real time," says Günzner. "This makes it suitable for everyday use, while working out at a fitness centre or for people on a diet."

The scientists are now planning to continue developing their measurement method so that they can eventually market it. They already have a prototype of the instrument. The scientists are also working on developing gas sensors for other medically relevant molecules in exhalations, including ammonia to test kidney function, isoprene to test cholesterol metabolism and various aldehydes for the early detection of lung cancer.

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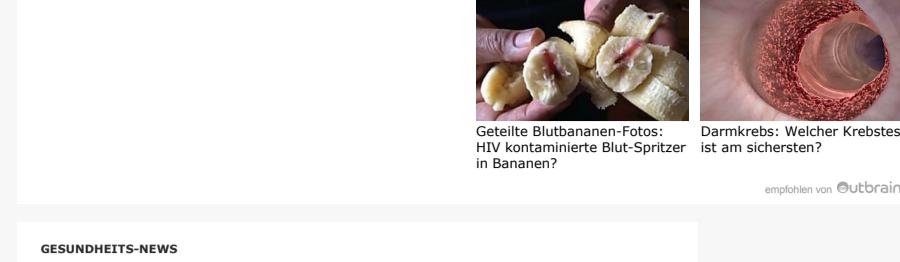
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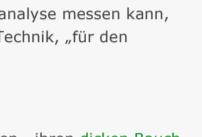
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Ausdauersport hilft beim Abnehmen

Untersuchungen zufolge leben [immer mehr Übergewichtige in Deutschland](#). Viele versuchen, ihren [dicken Bauch wieder loszuwerden](#), indem sie [bestimmte Lebensmittel meiden](#) beziehungsweise eine Diät machen. Doch das allein reicht meist nicht aus. Um [Bauchfett abzubauen](#), ist es in der Regel auch nötig, sich regelmäßig zu bewegen. [Ausdauersport](#) eignet sich hier besonders gut. Mit einem neu entwickelten Sensor kann man dabei künftig ganz einfach per Atemanalyse messen, wann der Körper beginnt, Fett zu verbrennen.



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Fettabbau ganz einfach in der Atemluft nachweisbar

Unser Körper verbrennt beim Ausdauertraining nicht nur Kohlenhydrate wie Zucker, sondern auch Fette. Wann der Körper beginnt, Fett zu verbrennen, lässt sich heute zum Beispiel mit der Analyse von Biomarkern im Blut oder im Urin bestimmen.

Wissenschaftler der Eidgenössischen Technischen Hochschule (ETH) Zürich und des Universitätsspitals Zürich (USZ) entwickelten nun eine Methode, mit der sich der Fettabbau ganz einfach und in Echtzeit in der Atemluft von Sporttreibenden nachweisen lässt.

„Beim Fettabbau im Körper entstehen Nebenprodukte, die ins Blut gelangen“, erklärte Andreas Gündner, Postdoc in der Gruppe von ETH-Professor Sotiris Pratsinis laut den „[ETH-News](#)“.

In den Lungenbläschen können diese Moleküle in die Atemluft überreten, besonders die leichtflüchtigen unter ihnen. Das flüchtigste dieser Fettabbauprodukte ist Azeton.

Die Schweizer Forscher haben einen kleinen Gassensor entwickelt, der diesen Stoff misst. Ihr Sensor ist viel empfindlicher als bisherige Sensoren: er kann einzelne Azeton-Moleküle in hundert Millionen anderer Moleküle nachweisen.

Außerdem misst der Sensor nur Azeton und nichts anderes; die weiteren über 800 bekannten flüchtigen Komponenten in der Atemluft beeinflussen die Messung nicht.

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Funktion des Sensors bei Sporttreibenden überprüft

In Zusammenarbeit mit Lungenspezialisten am Universitätsspital Zürich überprüften die Wissenschaftler die Funktion des Sensors bei sporttreibenden Freiwilligen. Diese absolvierten eineinhalb Stunden Training auf einem Fahrradergometer mit zwei kurzen Pausen.

In regelmäßigen Abständen ließen die Forschenden die Probanden in ein Röhrchen blasen, das mit dem Azeton-Sensor verbunden war.

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In den Messungen der Wissenschaftler setzte die Fettverbrennung bei einigen Probanden tatsächlich erst gegen Ende der eineinhalbstündigen Trainingseinheit ein. Bei anderen Freiwilligen zeigten die Messungen, dass ihr Körper schon viel früher Fett verbrennt.

Kontrollmessungen ergaben, dass die neue Messmethode gut übereinstimmt mit der Konzentration des Biomarkers Beta-Hydroxybutyrat im Blut der Studienteilnehmer. Diese Blutanalyse ist eine der heutigen Standardmethoden, um den Fettabbau nachzuverfolgen.

Chip sollte ursprünglich zur Diabetes-Diagnose verwendet werden

Bei dem von den Wissenschaftlern entwickelten Sensor handelt es sich um einen Chip, der mit einem porösen Film aus speziellen halbleitenden Nanopartikeln beschichtet ist. Die Partikel bestehen aus Wolframtrioxid, das die Forschenden mit einzelnen Silizium-Atomen versetzt hatten.

Anfangen hat die Entwicklung dieses Chips bereits vor sieben Jahren. Damals entdeckten ETH-Forscher, dass Wolframtrioxid-Nanopartikel mit Azeton wechselwirken, sofern die Atome der Nanopartikel in einer bestimmten Kristallstruktur angeordnet sind.

Die Wechselwirkung verringert den elektrischen Widerstand des mit den Nanopartikeln beschichteten Chips, was messbar ist.

Ursprünglich war die Idee, den Chip zur Diagnose von [Diabetes](#) zu verwenden. Denn in der Atemluft von Patienten mit unbehandeltem Diabetes Typ 1 lassen sich hohe Azeton-Konzentrationen nachweisen.

Mittlerweile konnten die Wissenschaftler jedoch zeigen, dass der Sensor empfindlich genug ist, um die sehr geringen Azeton-Konzentrationen im Atem von Sporttreibenden nachzuweisen.

Die Forscher sind dabei die Messtechnik soweit zu verfeinern, dass sie mit deutlich kleineren als in der Studie verwendeten Chips möglich werden soll. Sie sollen in ein handliches Gerät passen.

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Technik für den Alltagsgebrauch

Hochempfindliche Azeton-Messungen konnte man schon bisher mit anderen Messgeräten – sogenannten Massenspektrometern – machen. Dabei handelt es sich jedoch um große und sehr teure Laborgeräte.

Solche nutzen die Forschenden in der aktuellen Studie, um ihre Messungen zu überprüfen. Auch gibt es bereits tragbare Geräte für die Azeton-Messung im Atem. Diese kann man jedoch nur einmal verwenden, und sie zeigen das Resultat erst nach einigen Minuten an.

„Unsere Technik hingegen hat die grossen Vorteile, dass sie günstig, handlich und dennoch hochempfindlich ist sowie außerdem Echtzeitmessungen ermöglicht“, so Gündner. „Sie eignet sich daher für den Alltagsgebrauch, fürs Training in einem Fitnesscenter oder während einer Diät.“

Die Wissenschaftler planen nun, ihre Messmethode zur Marktreife weiterzuentwickeln. Einen Messgerät-Prototypen gibt es bereits.

Zugleich sind die Wissenschaftler daran, Gassensoren für weitere medizinisch interessante Moleküle in der Atemluft zu entwickeln, darunter solche für Ammoniak, mit dem sich die Nierenfunktion überprüfen lässt, Isopren, um den Cholesterin-Stoffwechsel zu untersuchen, und verschiedene Aldehyde für die Früherkennung von Lungenkrebs. (ad)

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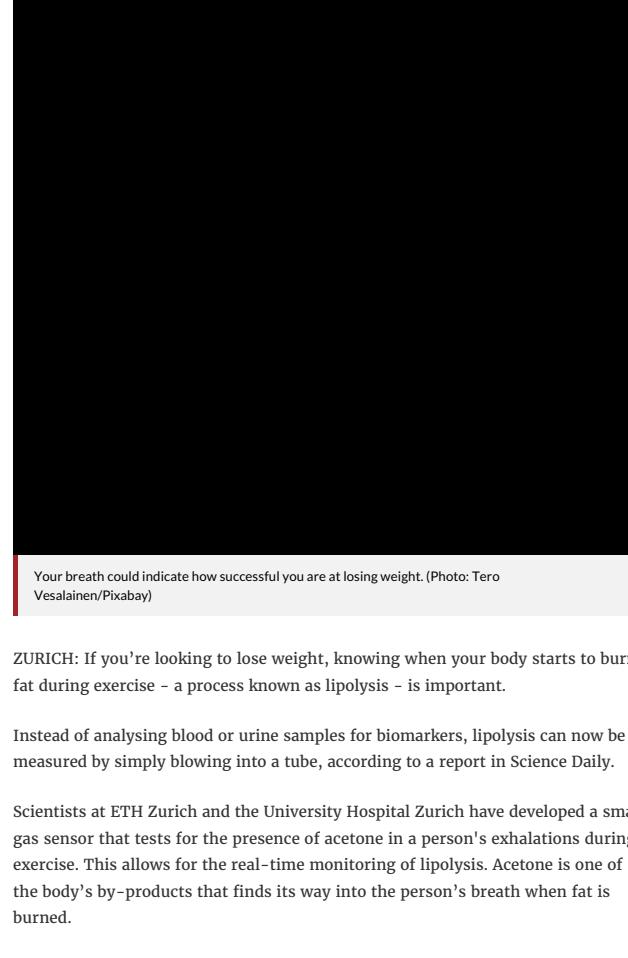
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New breath test being developed to help weight-watchers shed kilos



Your breath could indicate how successful you are at losing weight. (Photo: Tero Vesalainen/Pixabay)

ZURICH: If you're looking to lose weight, knowing when your body starts to burn fat during exercise – a process known as lipolysis – is important.

Instead of analysing blood or urine samples for biomarkers, lipolysis can now be measured by simply blowing into a tube, according to a report in Science Daily.

Scientists at ETH Zurich and the University Hospital Zurich have developed a small gas sensor that tests for the presence of acetone in a person's exhalations during exercise. This allows for the real-time monitoring of lipolysis. Acetone is one of the body's by-products that finds its way into the person's breath when fat is burned.

Dr Andreas Guntner told Science Daily that the sensor can detect a single acetone molecule in hundred million molecules. It also measures acetone exclusively, so the other known volatile components, which amount to more than 800 in a person's breath, do not affect the measurement.

Together with pulmonary specialists at the University Hospital Zurich, Dr Guntner and his colleagues tested the sensor on volunteers after they had each completed a one-and-a-half-hour session on a bicycle ergometer with two short breaks. "We were able to show how the acetone concentration in the exhalations varies greatly from person to person," said Dr Guntner.

According to the Science Daily report, the sensor has a chip coated with a porous film of tungsten trioxide nanoparticles.

The chip was developed seven years ago when Professor Sotiris Pratsinis and his colleagues from ETH Zurich discovered that tungsten trioxide nanoparticles interacted with acetone if the nanoparticles' atoms were arranged in a certain crystalline structure. This interaction reduces the electrical resistance of the chip which can be measured.

This chip could help you to lose weight by measuring your breath. (Photo: ETH Zurich/Andreas Guntner)

The report mentioned that the chip was originally meant to diagnose diabetes because the breath of patients with untreated Type 1 diabetes contains high concentrations of acetone. But since the sensor was found sensitive enough to detect the low acetone concentrations in a person's exhalations during exercise, the researchers changed tack.

Although the chip is already the size of a one-cent Euro coin in the study, according to Science Daily, the researchers are working on making it even smaller.

"This would allow athletes and people who want to lose weight to check for themselves when their bodies begin to burn fat so that they can optimise their training regimen," says Dr Guntner.

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Scientists develop new method for monitoring lipolysis by testing person's exhaled breath

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Experts advise anyone looking to shed extra kilos to eat less and exercise more. One way is with endurance training, during which the body burns not only carbohydrates as sugar, but also fat. When exactly the body begins burning fat can now be determined by analyzing, for example, biomarkers in the blood or urine. Scientists at ETH Zurich and the University Hospital Zurich have now developed a method for the highly convenient, real-time monitoring of lipolysis by testing a person's exhalations during exercise.

"When burning fat, the body produces by-products that find their way into the blood," explains Andreas Güntner, a postdoc in the group of ETH Professor Sotiris Pratsinis. In the pulmonary alveoli, these molecules - especially the volatile ones - enter the air exhaled by the person. The most volatile of these lipid metabolites is acetone. Güntner and his colleagues have developed a small gas sensor that measures the presence of this substance. The sensor is much more sensitive than previous sensors: it can detect a single acetone molecule in hundred million molecules. It also measures acetone exclusively, so the more than 800 other known volatile components in exhalations do not affect the measurement.

Major individual differences

In collaboration with pulmonary specialists at the University Hospital Zurich led by Malcolm Kohler, Professor and Director of the Department of Pulmonology, the researchers tested the functioning of the sensor in volunteers while they exercised. The test subjects completed a one-and-a-half-hour session on a bicycle ergometer with two short breaks. Researchers asked the test subjects to blow into a tube that was connected to the acetone sensor at regular intervals.

"We were able to show how the acetone concentration in the exhalations varies greatly from person to person," says Güntner. Scientific opinion used to hold that athletes only begin burning fat after a certain period of physical exertion and on reaching a certain heart rate, but this view is now outdated. The measurements taken by the researchers in Zurich showed that lipolysis in some test subjects did, in fact, only start towards the end of the one-and-a-half-hour training session. In the other volunteers, the measurements showed that their bodies began burning fat much sooner.

Control measurements showed that the new measurement method correlated well with the concentration of the biomarker beta-hydroxybutyrate in the blood of the test subjects. This blood analysis is one of today's standard methods for monitoring lipolysis.

Interaction with nanoparticles

The sensor developed by the scientists uses a chip coated with a porous film of special semiconducting nanoparticles. The particles are tungsten trioxide that the researchers have implanted with single atoms of silicon.

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Originally, the idea was to use the chip to diagnose diabetes, because the exhaled breath of patients with untreated type 1 diabetes contains high concentrations of acetone. Since

then, however, the scientists have shown that the sensor is in fact sensitive enough to detect the very low acetone concentrations in a person's exhalations during exercise.

The chip used in this study is the size of a 1-cent euro coin, but the researchers are working to refine the measurement technology so that it will be possible with much smaller chips. The goal is to offer the chip in a manageable sized device. "This would allow athletes and people who want to lose weight to check for themselves when their bodies begin to burn fat so that they can optimize their training regimen," says Güntner.

Cheap, small and yet highly sensitive

Highly sensitive acetone measurements were already possible with other instruments, for instance mass spectrometers, which are large laboratory devices that cost several hundred thousand Swiss francs. The researchers are using these instruments in the current study to verify their measurements. Portable acetone breath tests also already exist, but they can only be used once and take several minutes before they show the results. "Our technology has the major benefit of being inexpensive, manageable and yet highly sensitive - plus it can take measurements in real time," says Güntner. "This makes it suitable for everyday use, while working out at a fitness center or for people on a diet."

The scientists are now planning to continue developing their measurement method so that they can eventually market it. They already have a prototype of the instrument. The scientists are also working on developing gas sensors for other medically relevant molecules in exhalations, including ammonia to test kidney function, isoprene to test cholesterol metabolism and various aldehydes for the early detection of lung cancer.

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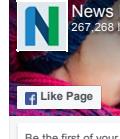


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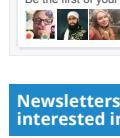
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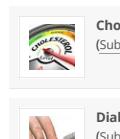
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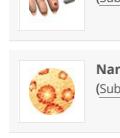
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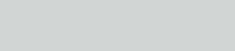
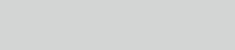
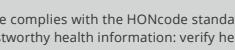
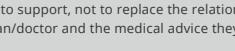
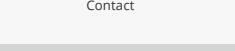
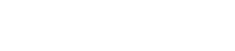
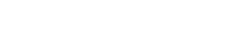
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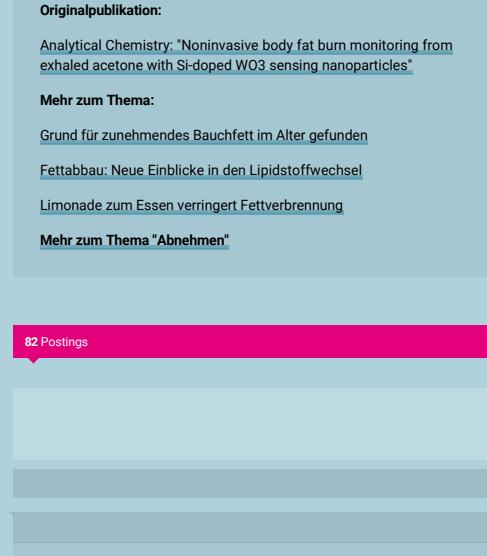
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Those wishing to lose weight have to watch their diet, but for optimal results they also have to burn existing fat in their bodies through exercise. Any amount of exercise simply won't do, as body fat only burns when pressed to do so by specific physiological situations. Therefore, it would be nice to know that one's exercise is actually achieving the fat burning goals.

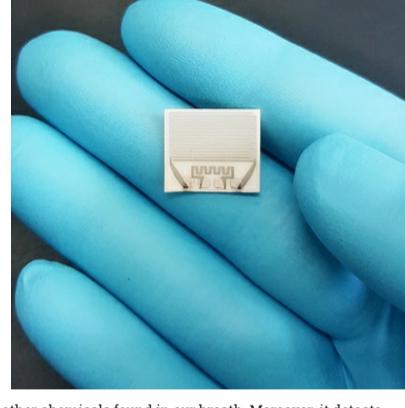
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Measuring the level of acetone in one's breath is difficult, though, because of the high moisture amount and other breath components that comes along with it, confusing most sensors. Researchers at ETH Zurich in Switzerland have now developed a tiny, highly accurate acetone breath sensor that may soon serve as a core for fitness wearables and diabetes diagnostic devices.

The new sensor, about the size of a coin, is so selective that it detects acetone exclusive of all other chemicals found in our breath. Moreover, it detects individual molecules of acetone per 100 million parts of everything else, an impressive level of accuracy.

The technology was tested on volunteers riding a stationary bike equipped with the breath sensor. It worked so well that the scientists were able to show that, contrary to what was previously believed, some people begin burning fat soon after starting to exercise. Previously, it was thought that everyone has to get moving for quite a while before the body gets to power it with stored fat.

Here's an ETH Zurich video about the new sensor:



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Zürcher ETH-Forscher messen Fettabbau über die Atemluft

ETH-Forscher haben einen Sensor entwickelt, der mit einer einfachen Analyse der Atemluft einer Person anzeigen, ob deren Körper Fett verbrennt oder nicht. Das Ziel ist ein Messgerät für den Alltagsgebrauch - für das Training oder während einer Diät.

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Wann der Körper damit beginnt, Fett zu verbrennen, lässt sich heute unter anderem mit einer Blutanalyse bestimmen. Wissenschaftler der ETH Zürich und des Universitätsspitals Zürich stellen nun in den ETH-News eine Methode vor, mit der sich der Fettabbau "ganz einfach und in Echtzeit in der Atemluft" nachweisen lässt.

Beim Fettabbau im Körper entstehen Nebenprodukte, die ins Blut gelangen, wird Andreas Güntner, Postdoc in der Gruppe von ETH-Professor Sotiris Pratsinis, im Artikel zitiert. Gerade die leichtflüchtigen Moleküle unter ihnen können in den Lungenbläschen in die Atemluft übertreten.

Güntner und seine Kollegen haben einen kleinen Gassensor entwickelt, welcher Azeton, das flüchtigste Molekül der Fettabbauprodukte, misst. Der Chip, der derzeit noch die Größe eines Fünf-Rappen-Stücks aufweist, ist mit einem porösen Film aus speziellen halbleitenden Nanopartikeln beschichtet.

Vor sieben Jahren war vorgesehen, diesen Chip zur Diagnose von Diabetes einzusetzen. Mittlerweile konnten die Wissenschaftler nachweisen, dass das Messgerät aber derart empfindlich ist, dass es auch die sehr geringen Azeton-Konzentrationen im Atem von Sporttreibenden aufspürt. Laut ETH-News kann der Chip einzelne Azeton-Moleküle in hundert Millionen anderen Molekülen nachweisen.

Die Forscher schickten nun Probanden auf den Fahrradergometer: Diese pedalierten während eineinhalb Stunden und bliesen regelmäßig in ein Röhrchen. "Wir konnten zeigen, dass sich der Azeton-Ausstoß in der Atemluft von Mensch zu Mensch stark unterscheidet", sagt Güntner.

Die frühere, mittlerweile überholte Lehrmeinung besagte, dass Sporttreibende erst nach einer bestimmten Trainingszeit und Herzfrequenz damit beginnen, Fett zu verbrennen. Bei den Zürcher Messungen setzte bei einigen Probanden die Fettverbrennung erst nach anderthalb Stunden, bei anderen schon viel früher ein.

Die Wissenschaftler wollen nun ihre Messtechnik weiter verfeinern: Mit einem deutlich kleineren Chip könnte ein handliches Gerät für den Alltagsgebrauch entstehen. "Damit können Sportler und Abnehmwillige individuell überprüfen, wann ihre Körper beginnen, Fett zu verbrennen, um so ihr Training zu optimieren", sagt Güntner.

Getüftelt wird an ETH und Universitätsspital aber auch an weiteren Gassensoren, die andere Moleküle in der Atemluft registrieren. Interessant wären etwa Sensoren für Ammoniak, mit denen sich die Nierenfunktion überprüfen lassen, oder für Isopren, um den Cholesterin-Stoffwechsel zu untersuchen.

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Είναι γνωστό ότι αν κανείς θέλει να χάσει κιλά, θα πρέπει να τρώει λιγότερο και να γυμνάζεται περισσότερο. Άλλα πότε αρχίζει το σώμα να καίει το λίπος του, που είναι και το ζητούμενο, ώστε να μειωθεί έτσι το πάχος;

Ένας Έλληνας, ερευνητής και οι συνεργάτες του στην Ελβετία ανέπτυξαν μια νέα μέθοδο που επιτρέπει την εύκολη και **σε πραγματικό χρόνο παρακολούθηση της λιπόλισης** (καύσης του λίπους) μέσω ελέγχου της αναπνοής την ώρα της άσκησης. Έτσι, κάποιος μπορεί να γυμνάζεται και ταυτόχρονα να εκπνέει στη συσκευή, η οποία επί τόπου μετρά αν έχει αρχίσει να καίει λίπος και πόσο.

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Οι ερευνητές, με επικεφαλής τον καθηγητή Σωτήρη Πραταΐνη του Ελβετικού Ομοσπονδιακού Ινστιτούτου Τεχνολογίας (ETH) της Ζυρίχης, έκαναν τη σχετική δημοσίευση στο περιοδικό αναλυτικής χημείας «Analytical Chemistry».

Όταν κάποιος καίει λίπος, το σώμα του παράγει υποπροϊόντα μεταβολισμού, που καταλήγουν στο αίμα. Στους πνεύμονες αυτά τα μόρια, ιδίως τα πιπερικά, εισέρχονται στον αέρα που εκπνέει ο άνθρωπος. Το που πιπερικό και εύκολα ανιχνεύσιμο από αυτά τα οργανικά μόρια είναι η ακετόνη.

Η νέα συσκευή διαθέτει αισθητήρες που μετρούν την παρουσία της ακετόνης στην εκπνοή με μεγαλύτερη ευαίσθηση από κάθε τροπογόνυμένο αισθητήρα, καθώς μπορεί να ανιχνεύσει ένα μόνο μόριο ακετόνης ανάμεσα σε εκατοντάδες εκατομμύρια άλλα μόρια.

Οι δοκιμές που έγιναν, αποκάλυψαν ότι το πόσο γρήγορα οι άνθρωποι αρχίζουν να καίνε λίπος, διαφέρει πολύ από άτομο - κάτι που έχει μεγάλη σημασία τόσο γι' αυτούς που γυμνάζονται για να αδυνατίσουν, όσο και για τους αθλητές. Έτσι, ενώ σε μερικούς ανθρώπους πρέπει να περάσει μάριμα ώρα άσκησης εωσθότου αρχίσει η λιπόλιση, σε άλλους αρχίζει πολύ πιο γρήγορα.

Ο υπερευαίσθητος αισθητήρας χρησιμοποιεί ένα «τσιπάκι», με μέγεθος όσο ένα κέρμα του λεπτού του ειρώ, που ο Σ.Πραταΐνης άρχισε να αναπτύσσει πριν από επτά χρόνια. Το τσιπ είναι καλυμμένο με ένα πορώδες φίλμ από ειδικά αγώνιμα νανοσυστήματα, αποτελούμενα από τριείδη οιού βολφραμίου και άτομα πυριτίου. Τα νανοσυστήματα αυτά αλληλεπιδρούν με την ακετόνη και έτσι η τελευταία μπορεί να ανιχνεύσει στην εκπνοή, πράγμα που «προδίδει» την καύση του λίπους στο σώμα.

Ο Πραταΐνης και η ομάδα του ήδη εργάζονται για να σμικρύνουν κι άλλο το τσιπάκι, ώστε τελικά να κυκλοφορήσουν στο εμπόριο μια φορητή συσκευή για το τεστ αναπνοής, που θα μπορεί εύκολα να χρησιμοποιήσει κάθε αθλητής ή όποιος θέλει να χάσει κιλά με γυμναστική. Γνωρίζοντας σε πραγματικό χρόνο πότε αρχίζει να καίει λίπος, θα διαμορφώνει ανάλογα το πρόγραμμα της άσκησής του, κάνοντας είτε περισσότερη είτε λιγότερη.

Επίσης οι ερευνητές μελετούν την ανάπτυξη αναλογών αισθητήρων και για άλλα μόρια, ώστε να μπάρουν και άλλα τεστ αναπνοής (π.χ. αμυντικάς για τεστ λειτουργίας των νεφρών, ιστορενίου για τεστ μεταβολισμού χοληστερίνης, αλδεύδων για τεστ καρκίνου των πνευμόνων κ.α.).



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Πολλά υποσχόμενη η επίδραση των ψυχεδελικών μανιταριών στους καταβληπτικούς

Η αντικαταβληπτική δράση της ψηλοκυβίνης φάνηκε να διαρκεί έως πέντε εβδομάδες μετά από τη χορήγηση της.

14.10.2017, 09:59

Παγκόσμια Ημέρα Αυγού: Η υπερτροφή που μας κάνει καλό για τάντα

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13.10.2017, 13:58

Ολόενα και πιο παχύσαρκος ο πληθυσμός των ΗΠΑ

Οι ειδικοί ανησυχούν για την παχυσαρκία καθώς συνδέεται με πθωμάν θανατηφόρες ασθένειες, όπως ο διαβήτης...

13.10.2017, 09:25

Αυξάνονται διαρκώς τα κρούσματα ιλαράς

Σύμφωνα με τα στοιχεία του Κέντρου Ελέγχου και Πρόληψης Νοσημάτων, έχουν καταγραφεί 250 κρούσματα ιλαράς, με...

12.10.2017, 17:38

ΗΠΑ: Το πρώτο καρδιοχειρουργικό εμφύτευμα που μεγαλώνει μαζί με το παιδί

Γιατροί και μηχανικοί στις ΗΠΑ ανέπτυξαν ένα πρωτοποριακό χειρουργικό εμφύτευμα που μεγαλώνει και αυτό σε...

12.10.2017, 09:14

Ελαφρώς μικρότερη η θνητιμότητα αυτών που χειρουργήθηκαν από γυναίκα

Ανέμεσα στις πιθανές αιτίες που συμβαίνει αυτό, είναι ότι οι γυναίκες ακολουθούν πιο πιστά τους κανονισμούς...

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23:10, ΕΛΛΑΣΑ

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21:16, ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΑ

Φέρνο από Βρετάνες στα σχέδια της κυβέρνησης να μοιράσει μέρισμα 1000 ευρώ

22:15, ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΑ

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